

1 **Approved 05.09.2022**

2 **Vermont Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (VT NDCAP)**

3 **Monday, December 6, 2021**

4 **Microsoft Teams Webcast**

5 **Physical Meeting Space at Epsilon Spires Social Engagement Room,**

6 **190 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT 05301**

7 **Meeting Minutes**

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9 VT NDCAP Members Present (via webcast):

- 10 • **Josh Unruh**, *Citizen Appointee of Governor Phil Scott, Panel Vice-Chair*
- 11 • **June Tierney**, *Commissioner of Public Service, ex officio*
- 12 • **Lissa Weinmann** (*Brattleboro*), *Citizen Appointee of Senate President Pro Tempore Becca*
- 13 *Balint, VT NDCAP Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Committee Chair*
- 14 • **Chris Campany**, *Executive Director of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC)*
- 15 • **VT State Representative Sara Coffey** (*Guilford*), *Citizen Appointee of former Speaker of*
- 16 *the House Mitzi Johnson*
- 17 • **Trish Coppolino**, *Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Waste Management*
- 18 *and Prevention Division Environmental Program Manager, Designee for the Secretary of*
- 19 *Natural Resources*
- 20 • **Corey Daniels**, *Senior ISFSI Manager, NorthStar Vermont Yankee*
- 21 • **Dr. Bill Irwin**, *Radiological & Toxicological Sciences Program Chief, Designee for the*
- 22 *Secretary of Human Services*
- 23 • **Brett Long**, *Deputy Commissioner of Economic Development, Designee for the Secretary*
- 24 *of Commerce and Community Development*
- 25 • **David Pearson**, *Vice-President and Regional Manager, NorthStar Group Services*
- 26 • **Marvin Resnikoff**, *Citizen Appointee of former Speaker of the House Mitzi Johnson*
- 27 *(joined webcast at ~7:16 PM)*

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29 VT NDCAP Members Present at meeting site:

- 30 • **Emily Davis**, *Citizen Appointee of former Senate President Pro Tempore Tim Ashe, Panel*
- 31 *Chair*

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33 The following NDCAP members were absent from the meeting:

- 34 • **Madeline Arms**, *Representative for the Town of Vernon*
- 35 • **Bob Leach**, *Citizen Appointee of Governor Phil Scott*
- 36 • **VT State Senator Mark MacDonald**, *Member of the Senate Committee on Natural*
- 37 *Resources and Energy*
- 38 • **VT State Representative Laura Sibilila**, *Member of the House Committee on Energy &*
- 39 *Technology*

- **MA State Representative Paul Mark** (*Peru, MA*), representing the Towns of Bernardston, Colrain, Gill, Greenfield, Leyden, Northfield, and Warwick, Massachusetts, appointee of former MA Governor Deval Patrick

There are currently two vacancies on the Panel (one of which is an optional New Hampshire representative).

With 1 Panelist at the meeting site, 10 Panelists connected via the Teams webcast (and 1 more Panelist joining the webcast midway through the meeting), a quorum was present (9 Panelists required). Approximately 10 members of the public (and 9 staff members associated with the Panel) connected to the webcast. Additionally, 1 State Employee (Nuclear Engineer Tony Leshinskie) and 1 Brattleboro Community Television (BCTV) technician, 1 member of the public was present at the meeting site.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM; a recording of the meeting webcast is available online at <http://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap> and at <https://www.brattleborotv.org/vt-nuclear-decommissioning-citizens-advisory-panel/vt-ndcap-12621-mtg>.

Welcome, Opening Remarks & Overview of Meeting Agenda:

Due to storms passing through southern Vermont at the meeting's start, several Panel members experienced last-minute webcast connectivity issues. While these were being addressed, State Nuclear Engineer Tony Leshinskie briefly welcomed those joining the webcast and outlined recent changes to the webcast's "raise hand" feature that would be used to request speaking during the meeting. The meeting start was also briefly delayed when the in-room projector (which provided the webcast view to the meeting room) unexpectedly shut-off.

The Chair, Emily Davis, welcomed everyone for the meeting. A roll call was taken to confirm that a quorum of Panel members was present and that all could be heard via the webcast. During this roll call, Anne Darling (a member of the public from Easthampton, MA) reported that Massachusetts Representative Paul Mark previously stepped down from VT NDCAP. She has sent several letters to the Massachusetts Governor's Office requesting that a replacement for Representative Mark be named. Lissa Weinmann added that Paul Mark's website indicates that he is a former VT NDCAP member. Lissa also noted that Marvin Resnikoff had indicated that he would be joining the meeting webcast around 7 PM.

Amendments to the Meeting Agenda: None were suggested or made. A copy of the meeting agenda is available at <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/meeting-agenda-12-6-2021>.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The meeting minutes discussion begins at 0:12:30 on the meeting video.

The September 20, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. Lissa Weinmann stated that she was unable to locate these minutes in the Panel website's Meeting Materials section. Several Panelists noted that

1 the draft minutes are available from the September 20, 2021 Meeting Materials section. The
2 September 20, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed. State Nuclear Engineering Tony Leshinskie
3 requested that the following changes be made:

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- 5 - on Page 4, Line 8 change “and 8 to 1 in a previous meeting” to “an 8 to 1 vote in a previous
- 6 meeting”
- 7 - on Page 5, Line 16, “power plant” should be “power plants” (plural).
- 8 - on Page 10, Lines 28 and 40 indicate that the next Panel meeting would be on December 7.
- 9 The Panel had previously selected December 6 as the next meeting date.

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11 One additional change to the minutes was requested by the Chair:

- 12 - on Page 6, Line 12 and 13 should be clarified to state that “Emily Davis noted that the
- 13 Committee considered a proposal to create a new federal entity charged with spent fuel
- 14 management, and asked how that connected to the work locally, and to the Panel. Lissa
- 15 Weinmann responded that so long as the status quo is maintained nationally, the fuel will
- 16 remain in Vernon and nothing will change.”

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18 A motion to approve the September 20 minutes as amended was made by Chris Campany and seconded

19 by June Tierney. The amended minutes were approved by voice vote with one abstention (Lissa

20 Weinmann) and no nays heard. Marvin Resnikoff was not present for this vote.

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22 **Review of Panel Charge and Purpose / Panel Draft Budget**

23 *This discussion begins at 0:22:57 on the meeting video.*

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25 Panel Chair Emily Davis opted to discuss these items together as they are intertwined. The latest version

26 of the Panel FY 2022 budget is included in the Panel Duties and Budget Notes available at:

27 <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/ndcap-duties-and-budget-notes-dec-6-discussions>

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29 The Panel’s duties center on disseminating information on Vermont Yankee decommissioning activities

30 and assuring that public can ask questions or voice any concerns about these activities. In short, the

31 Panel’s purpose is public outreach. Emily Davis noted that the proposed budget allocations reflect the

32 Panelists’ desires to enhance its public outreach and allow Panel members to be better informed on

33 decommissioning-related topics. The proposed budget allocates funds for improving the Panel’s

34 website, potentially expanding meeting publicity, simplifying electronic access to meetings and assuring

35 that high-quality meeting recordings remain available. The budget also allocates honoraria for experts

36 speaking to the Panel. This last item would be in lieu of allocations for Panel members to attend

37 decommissioning conferences.

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39 Emily Davis asked the Panel to consider whether the current budget allocations were reasonable and

40 whether the budget needed more detail. Depending on the answers to these questions, is the Panel

41 willing to vote to approve the budget as it currently stands?

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43 Public Service Commissioner June Tierney indicated that Panel expense approvals and payments are

44 administered by her department. Budget allocations can be very broad. The specifics for budget items

45 can be addressed as individual expenses are reviewed and approved. The current draft budget provides

1 sufficient detail for the Department to manage Panel expenses. The Panel discussed whether there
2 should still be an allocation for Panelists to attend decommissioning-related conferences. However,
3 none of the Panelists had a specific conference in mind that they wished to attend. Lissa Weinmann
4 also asked that were a specific conference become an interest to the Panel, how would a Panelist go
5 about requesting funding for attendance? June Tierney reiterated that this could be discussed with her
6 office, but that she didn't know of any instance where the Department paid for Panelist participation at
7 a decommissioning conference. Tony Leshinskie outlined the Department's current process for
8 approving Panel expenses. Billing is processed through the Department's Administration Division. All
9 Panel-related expenses are forwarded to Tony for his review and approval. For routine expenses such as
10 room rental and BCTV recording fees, this is sufficient. Tony forwards any "out of the ordinary"
11 expenses to the Commissioner's Office for guidance and approval. Tony added that during the Shumlin
12 Administration, June's predecessor approved expenses for the Panel Chair to attend two conferences to
13 which she had been invited to speak. This process was discretionary on the part of the Commissioner at
14 the time. Similar approvals now would still be at the discretion of the Commissioner's Office, at least as
15 a starting point.

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17 June Tierney reminded the Panel that while the \$35,000 annual budget is an improvement in resources
18 available to the Panel, these resources are still limited.

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20 At the request of Josh Unruh, Emily Davis agreed to add a budget item for Panelist per diems.

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22 Based on this discussion, Emily Davis concluded that a budget vote would not be practical at this time.
23 She indicated that she would have an updated budget available for the Panel's next budget discussion.
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25 **Panel Current Public Engagement / Participation**

26 *This discussion begins at 0:28:47 in the meeting video.*
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28 The Panel discussion on the draft budget segued into discussion on the Panel's current public
29 engagement. Some of the points noted in the budget discussion were made subsequent to the start of
30 the public engagement discussion. An outline of the Panel's current public engagement practices is
31 included in the Panel Duties and Budget Notes available at:

32 <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/ndcap-duties-and-budget-notes-dec-6-discussions>
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34 Public engagement currently consists of notifications / publications on the Panel website
35 (<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap>), press releases for upcoming meetings, and
36 redistribution of the press releases to a voluntary public interest email distribution list. The Panel
37 discussed the potential enhancements in public outreach identified in the budget.
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39 Meeting webcast platform: Emily Davis noted that she and Tony Leshinskie have had discussions with
40 BCTV for BCTV to play a bigger role in running meeting webcasts. The advantage of this would be that
41 BCTV could use Zoom rather than Teams as the webcast platform. The major advantage to Zoom is that
42 many members of the public are more familiar with using Zoom compared to Teams. Using Zoom would
43 potentially increase public meeting participation as a result. Emily added that she, Tony and BCTV had
44 discussed the possibility of using Zoom for tonight's meeting. However, there was not enough time to
45 plan out how this would work. Panel meetings in early 2022 will likely use Zoom.

Chris Campany pointed out that a major advantage to Zoom is that is compatible with more web browsers than Teams is. Teams does not fully support Edge (even though both are Microsoft products). Teams does not support Apple / Mac browsers (e.g., Safari) at all. Zoom supports all of these. The Panel agreed that switching to Zoom is worth pursuing.

Website Updates: The Panel generally agreed that refreshing the website would be helpful for improving outreach. Several Panel members (Chris Campany, June Tierney and Sara Coffey) suggested that recent updates to the Vermont Climate Control Council website could serve as a template for revamping the Panel's website.

Josh Unruh noted that the budget still included an allocation for web design. Since the website remains the responsibility of the Public Service Department (as was discussed at the September 20 meeting), he wanted clarification on what could work.

June Tierney replied that while the Public Service Department is responsible for the Panel website, its web design can be contracted out. Any requested website updates would need to be reviewed by the Department to assure that they comply State website requirements. June again suggested that the Panel form a committee to oversee the website revisions.

Enhancements to Public Outreach: A general discussion on potential additional public outreach occurred. Lissa Weinmann suggested it would be useful to learn what other decommissioning advisory panels do for outreach. A committee to look at outreach further was suggested. It was also suggested that a polling on what the public wants for added outreach could be useful. No consensus was reached on potential additional steps.

Public Comments on Panel Charge, Budget and Logistics

This discussion begins at 1:11:53 in the meeting video.

Anne Darling (Easthampton, MA): recommended that the Panel clearly identify its goals for public outreach before spending money on public outreach.

Federal Nuclear Waste Policy (FNWP) Committee Update

This discussion begins at 1:13:15 in the meeting video.

Emily Davis briefly outlined the charge of the FNWP Committee before turning the update over to the FNWP Committee Chair, Lissa Weinmann. Lissa provided a summary of recent Committee activities, noting that the Committee has met monthly throughout the year. The Committee's meetings are drawing attention. Several members of the public from throughout the United States have joined several of the Committee's webcasts, with one official from the US Department of Energy joining the meetings on a regular basis.

The Committee has updated its activities report. The current version is available at:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/federal-nuclear-waste-policy-committee-rev-2-draft-report-0>

1 The Committee is currently developing a potential Advisory Opinion regarding the Department of
2 Energy's development of a Consent-Based Siting process. While a draft of this Opinion is available with
3 tonight's meeting materials, it really isn't in final form. In particular, with the Department of Energy
4 (DOE) very recently (last week) issuing a request for public comments on its Consent-Based siting
5 process, the Committee needs to examine whether anything in this DOE request should be addressed by
6 the Advisory Opinion. The Committee will meet on December 20 to discuss the Advisory Opinion further
7 and hopefully finalize it for Panel consideration.

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9 Lastly, Lissa indicated that the Committee plans to continue meeting to discuss Federal Nuclear Waste
10 Policy topics. However, it may opt to meet less frequently, probably quarterly, in 2022.

11 12 **Panel Discussion on Proposed FNWP Advisory Opinion**

13 *This discussion begins at 1:23:40 in the meeting video.*

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15 In lieu of discussing an Advisory Opinion, several Panel members took this opportunity to discuss the
16 concept of Consent-Based Siting.

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18 Marvin Resnikoff stated that Consent-Based Siting is not an issue limited to Nevada or several other
19 states out west. With this process, the DOE will be seeking potential sites throughout the country.
20 Vermont could be considered as a potential site.

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22 Sara Coffey noted that the Town of Vernon had passed a resolution supporting Consent-Based Siting.

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24 In subsequent discussion, Lissa Weinmann noted that the Vermont Public Service Department and the
25 Vermont Public Utilities Commission are still listed as members of the Nuclear Waste Strategy Coalition
26 (NWSC) on the NWSC's website. June Tierney replied that regardless, the Public Service Department
27 and the Public Utilities Commission had not paid their NWSC membership fees this year and therefore
28 were no longer part of the NWSC. Lissa added that, nonetheless, the appearance of the Vermont PSD
29 and PUC as member organizations on the NWSC website could be construed as still supporting NWSC
30 policies. Tony Leshinskie noted that Lissa had raised this same point with him several weeks ago. Tony
31 reviewed the NWSC website at the time and discovered that its membership page has not been updated
32 since March. This could account for why both organizations are still listed on the NWSC website, but the
33 real reason is not known.

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35 Returning to discussion on Consent-Based Siting, Lissa Weinmann noted that Panel will need to meet
36 prior to March 4 (the DOE's deadline for comments on its Request for Information) should it wish to
37 submit comments regarding Consent-Based Siting.

38 39 **Public Questions & Answers on FNWP Committee Report & Proposed Advisory Opinion**

40 *Public comments on these topics begin at 1:32:47 in the meeting video.*

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42 Anne Darling (Easthampton, MA): noted that supports Lissa Weinmann's comments and efforts with the
43 Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Committee. She asked that the Panel engage with the public and listen to
44 public comments in Federal Nuclear Waste Policy and in any response to the Department of Energy's
45 restart of its Consent-Based Siting Process.

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2 Deb Katz (Rowe, MA): noted that consent is a very complicated issue, beginning with whose consent (for
3 siting a nuclear waste disposal facility) is needed. Is it state, county or local consent needed? She
4 recommended that the Panel hear from experts on consent's complexities. She also noted that the
5 consent process needs to be independent of the Department of Energy.

6 7 **Early General Public Comments**

8 *This portion of Public Questions / Comments begins at 1:38:56 in the meeting video.*
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10 Martha of United States (as she identified herself on the meeting site sign-in sheet; Brattleboro, VT):
11 requested that the scientists and politicians working on VT Yankee's clean-up treat this as a regional
12 issue. Do not focus on simply maintaining town support for this effort. Ultimately, we need to protect
13 the Earth itself and its environment.

14 15 **NorthStar Update on VY Site Decommissioning Activities**

16 *Following a short break, NorthStar's presentation begins at 1:49:40 in the meeting video.*

17 Panel Member Corey Daniels, NorthStar Senior ISFSI (spent fuel storage) Manager at Vermont Yankee,
18 presented a summary of recent site decommissioning activities. The slides for this presentation are
19 available at: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap> in the "Meeting of December 6, 2021"
20 section.

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22 NorthStar has reached over 1,100,000 person hours without an OSHA Recordable Lost Time Accident
23 since starting decommissioning work in January 2019. The project goal continues to be to complete the
24 project with zero Lost Time Accidents. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has issued no cited
25 violations, nor have there been any non-cited violations, for the decommissioning project thus far in
26 2021. There were no cited or non-cited violations in 2019 and 2020.

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28 Progress on Reactor Vessel (RV) segmentation and the ongoing dismantling of the Turbine Building was
29 described. The RV is now empty; all RV internal components have been removed. Some drain down of
30 water in the Reactor Cavity and the Dry Separator Pit (DSP), in preparation for final RV segmentation,
31 has occurred. Photos of decontamination occurring in these areas were shown. The current contents of
32 the Spent Fuel Pool were also described. Efforts for the remainder of the year will focus on filtering
33 expended garnet cutting media from the RV and DSP water. Although RV segmentation remains
34 somewhat behind schedule, the decommissioning project overall remains ahead of schedule. It is
35 expected that the decommissioning project will finish well ahead of its 2030 deadline.

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37 Clearing of Turbine Building equipment continues. The largest Turbine Building structure, the Main
38 Condenser, is essentially gone. Approximately 2.5 million pounds of Condenser scrap has been removed
39 thus far. Demolition of the Administration Building (adjacent to the north side of the Turbine Building) is
40 complete. Progress on the demolition of the Radioactive Waste Clean-Up Building and the Cooling
41 Tower basins / foundations was also described.

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43 Thus far this year, 142 radwaste shipments (127 railcars and 25 trucks) have been sent to WCS facilities.
44 320 radwaste shipments have occurred since the start of decommissioning project. VY continues to
45 average 3 railcar shipments occur per week, and about 13 shipments per month.

State Agencies' Updates on VY Decommissioning

These presentations begin at 2:05:50 in the meeting video.

Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) / Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)

Gerold Noyes from ANR / DEC Waste Management Division provided this update. The slides for this presentation are available at: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap> in the "Meeting of December 6, 2021" section.

DEC's ongoing interactions with VT Yankee were outlined (regular status calls, draft permit and corrective action plan reviews). Quarterly groundwater sampling for non-radiological contaminants continue to show no area-wide contamination issues at the VY site. The next sampling is scheduled for December 14. An alteration to the site's potable water permit was approved, which allowed demolition of the Administrative Offices Building at the site. Extraction well samples continue to show no radiological or non-radiological contaminations above standards. Therefore, extracted groundwater has been discharged to the Connecticut River in accordance with current permits.

ANR continues to work closely with NorthStar's remediation contractor, Haley & Aldrich, on planning to address potential contaminant issues in previously identified Areas of Concern (AOCs). This includes reviewing post-demolition sampling plans and previously submitted remediations for the AOCs. No new contamination areas (including potential PCB contaminations) have been found onsite; however more sampling will be done as more site structures are demolished, which allows for more areas to be sampled. The first soil sampling for a demolished structure will occur on December 12 from under the concrete floor of Cooling Tower #1. No additional asbestos abatement work has occurred; onsite asbestos abatement is largely complete. Although asbestos checks are still occurring.

Public Service Department (PSD)

Eric Guzman, PSD Special Counsel (staff attorney) made this presentation. Nick Capik and Mark Gmyr of Four Points Group (FPG), PSD's consultants for overseeing the financial and technical details of VT Yankee's Decommissioning, were also present to provide additional details as needed. The slides for this presentation are available at: <https://publicservice.vermont.gov/electric/ndcap> in the "Meeting of December 6, 2021" section. *The PSD presentation begins at 2:15:10 in the meeting video.*

PSD's financial and technical oversight role was outlined, which includes updates on work complete versus work remaining and project expenditures versus funds remaining. PSD coordinates with other State Agencies and FPG to assess project status and whether decommissioning trust fund reimbursement requests are consistent with the work completed. PSD also meets with NorthStar regularly to conduct any follow-up necessary on NorthStar's self-reporting. Regular site visits by FPG are conducted to observe completed work. The most recent visit was on October 28. The site visits continue to show that project progress is consistent with that described in NorthStar's status reports. NorthStar remains on track to complete the project with the currently available funding.

It was noted that in Vermont Yankee indirect license transfer case before the Vermont Public Utilities Commission (PUC), the Petitioner (NorthStar ownership) has asked to withdraw the case. In response to

1 the withdrawal request, PSD has asked for several additional reporting requirements in NorthStar's self-
2 reporting. NorthStar and PSD are awaiting PUC decisions for these requests.

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4 Nuclear Decommissioning Trust (NDT) and Site Restoration Trust (SRT) fund balances and disbursements
5 between September 7 and November 30 were provided. As of November 30, the NDT balance is roughly
6 \$282.5 million; the SRT balance is roughly \$57.4 million. All fund disbursements are for work already
7 completed.

8 9 **Additional State Agency Reports:**

10 Panelist Dr. Bill Irwin noted that he participated in the State Agencies' December 1 visit to the VT Yankee
11 site. He appreciated the opportunity to observe onsite conditions first-hand and thanked NorthStar for
12 its biweekly teleconferences with State Agencies. There was no additional report from Vermont
13 Department of Health.

14 15 **Panelist Questions on NorthStar and State Agencies' Reports**

16 *Panelist questions on these presentations begin at 2:24:23 on the meeting video.*

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18 Marvin Resnikoff asked whether all Reactor Vessel components have been removed. Corey Daniels
19 reiterated that all Reactor Vessel internal components have been removed. The next phase of the
20 Reactor Vessel segmentation project is segmenting the Reactor Vessel itself.

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22 In a second question, Marvin Resnikoff asked for clarification on the purpose of the filters noted in
23 NorthStar's report. Corey Daniels replied that the filters are used to remove contaminants and
24 particulates from the Reactor Vessel and Dry Separator Pit water. Neither the filters nor the Reactor
25 Vessel / Dryer Separator Pit water are discharged to the Connecticut River.

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27 Chris Campany added that boring NorthStar and State reports are good. They indicate that the
28 decommissioning is progressing smoothly.

29 30 **Public Questions on NorthStar and State Agencies' Reports**

31 No public questions or comments were made at this time.

32 33 **Panel Annual Report to Vermont Legislature**

34 *This discussion begins at 2:29:30 on the meeting video.*

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36 Tony Leshinskie highlighted the current status of the Panel's 2021 Annual Report to the Legislature,
37 which is due on January 15, 2022. Overall, the report will contain similar content to last year (brief
38 meeting summaries, highlights of VT Yankee activities, etc.). The Federal Nuclear Waste Policy's report
39 will be referenced as the summary of that Committee's activities rather than "reinventing the wheel" for
40 the Annual Report. Tony had hoped to have a draft of the report available for this evening's meeting,
41 but due to other commitments, the draft is not yet in a form suitable for review. He indicated that a
42 draft would be available for Panel members to review by Christmas, which would still allow time for
43 comments to be incorporated by the January 15 due date.

1 Several Panel members indicated that they needed opportunity to review the final draft report, once
2 individual Panel comments were incorporated into it. The Panel also discussed the possibility of
3 presenting the report to one or more Legislative Committees, such as House Energy and Technology,
4 rather than simply having the report filed as required. It was noted that several Panel members
5 presented previous Annual Reports to Legislative Committees in this manner.
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7 After some additional discussion, it was agreed that Tony would circulate a draft for Panel review by
8 December 21. The Panel will hold a special meeting on January 10 to review and approve the finalized
9 report. June Tierney indicated that she would investigate why delivery of the Panel draft report was
10 delayed.
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12 **Election of Panel Officers**

13 *This discussion begins at 2:41:30 on the meeting video.*

14 For the purposes of electing the Panel Chair for 2022, Public Service Commissioner June Tierney
15 assumed the Panel Chair duties. After confirming that there was still a quorum of Panelists present,
16 Commissioner Tierney nominated Emily Davis to continue as Panel Chair in 2022. This nomination was
17 seconded by Sara Coffey. No additional nominations were made. The vote to elect Emily Davis as Panel
18 Chair for 2022 was as follows:
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20 Chris Campany, Yes
21 Sara Coffey, Yes
22 Tricia Coppelino, Yes
23 Corey Daniels, Yes
24 Bill Irwin, Yes
25 Brett Long, not present for this vote
26 David Pearson, Yes
27 June Tierney, Yes
28 Josh Unruh, Yes
29 Lissa Weinmann, Yes
30 Marvin Resnikoff, Yes
31 Emily Davis, Abstain
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33 Commissioner Tierney commended Emily Davis for her efforts as Panel Chair in 2021. Following her
34 reelection, Emily Davis resumed the duties of Panel Chair for the purposes of electing the Panel Vice-
35 Chair for 2022. Corey Daniels nominated Josh Unruh to continue as Panel Vice-Chair. This nomination
36 was seconded by Sara Coffey. No additional nominations were made. The vote to elect Josh Unruh as
37 Panel Vice-Chair for 2022 was as follows:
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39 Chris Campany, Yes
40 Sara Coffey, Yes
41 Tricia Coppelino, Yes
42 Corey Daniels, Yes
43 Emily Davis, Yes
44 Bill Irwin, Yes
45 Brett Long, not present for this vote
46 David Pearson, Yes

1 Marvin Resnikoff, Yes
2 June Tierney, Yes
3 Lissa Weinmann, Yes
4 Josh Unruh, Yes
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6 Commissioner Tierney thanked Josh Unruh for his service as Panel Vice-Chair in 2021. Additionally,
7 Emily Davis thanked Josh for his efforts to answer her many questions after she became the Chair for
8 2021.
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10 **General Public Comments to the Panel**

11 No public comments were made at this time.
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13 **Meeting Wrap-Up**

14 *This discussion begins at 2:52:20 on the meeting video.*
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16 The Panel discussed meeting dates for 2022. Monday night meetings were requested to accommodate
17 Panel members who are also in the Legislature. After some discussion and several suggestions from
18 Chris Campany, the Panel agreed that meeting in early May, September and December continues to
19 work best for the Panel's "major" meetings. The May 2022 meeting will largely focus on State Agencies
20 assessments of NorthStar's required annual report on the Decommissioning Project. The Panel's
21 January 10 meeting will be a Special Meeting for approving the Panel's 2021 Annual Report.
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23 The Panel agreed hold February 28 as a tentative meeting date to discuss whether the Panel will
24 formally submit comments or an advisory opinion in response to the US Department of Energy's
25 Request for Information (RFI) on its development of a Consent-Based Siting process for spent nuclear
26 fuel repositories. Chris Campany indicated that Windham Regional Commission would resubmit its
27 comments filed for DOE's 2015 Consent-Based Siting effort. He posted DOE's reports from this prior
28 effort in the meeting chat:
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30 [https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2016/12/f34/Summary%20of%20Public%20Input%20Report%
31 20FINAL.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2016/12/f34/Summary%20of%20Public%20Input%20Report%20FINAL.pdf)
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33 [https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/01/f34/Draft%20Consent-
34 Based%20Siting%20Process%20and%20Siting%20Considerations.pdf](https://www.energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2017/01/f34/Draft%20Consent-Based%20Siting%20Process%20and%20Siting%20Considerations.pdf)
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36 In response to a query about the DOE's current Consent-Based Siting RFI, Eric Guzman reported that its
37 deadline for comments is March 4, 2022. Information on DOE's current Consent-Based Siting effort is
38 available via the following link:
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40 [https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-restarts-consent-based-siting-program-spent-nuclear-fuel-
41 requests-input-interim](https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-restarts-consent-based-siting-program-spent-nuclear-fuel-requests-input-interim)
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43 Lissa Weinmann indicated that the Federal Nuclear Waste Policy Committee would discuss Consent-
44 Based Siting as part of its December 20 meeting. At Lissa request, Tony Leshinskie committed to
45 incorporating these several Consent-Based Siting links to the Panel's website.

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2 Based on this discussion, the Panel's meeting dates for 2022 are as follows:

- 3 • January 10: Special Meeting for approval of the 2021 Annual Report
4 • February 28: Tentative meeting for discussing potential Consent-Based Siting filings
5 • May 9: Regular meeting focused on Annual Status Report assessments
6 • September 19: Regular Meeting
7 • December 12: Regular Meeting

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9 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:08 PM.**